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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/9/2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-22 and 24-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-22, 24-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

In response to applicant's submission dated 6/9/2008, claims 15-22 and 24-28 are currently pending, and claim 23 has been cancelled. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled previously.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of the relevant portion of 35 U.S.C. 103 that forms the basis for the rejections made in this section of the office action;

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.

Claims 15-22 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker et al. (US 5,210,689).

Regarding claims 15, 20-21, and 24-25, Baker discloses a keyboard (keyboards are widely known to be keys embedded in a support structure), a processor, and a speaker. See fig. 3. Baker further discloses wherein the system adapts the keystrokes into sounds by use of the processor. See col. 8: 35-46. Baker does not teach wherein the keys are representative of Phonemes. However, this is old and well known in the art, as is *clearly* described by Baker in col. 1: 55-62, and also col. 3: 38-42. Thus, such a modification to the system of Baker would have been an obvious variation well within one of ordinary skill in the art.

Regarding claim 16, Baker discloses wherein the symbols are displayed on the keys. See fig. 3.

Regarding claim 17, Baker discloses wherein the processor is connected to a display. See col. 7: 21-40.

Regarding claim 18, Baker discloses wherein plural keystrokes can correspond to only one symbol. See col. 8: 36-41.

Regarding claims 19 and 27, Baker discloses wherein the symbols are stored in an electronic database. See col. 6: 62-68.

Regarding claim 22, there must be an information carrier between the processor, speaker, and keyboard, such as wires or some equivalent. If the items were not connected, the system would not work.

Regarding claim 26, the use of phonemes on the keys would be an obvious variation of Baker as described above with reference to claim 24, and applicant's claim makes it clear that phonemes can be words. Thus this limitation would automatically follow from claim 24.

Regarding claim 28, there is always a propagation delay in electronic systems, determined by at least transmission line parameters. Thus, the nature of the transmission line at least would *pre-determine* a minimum delay.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments dated 6/9/2008 have been fully considered, but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY MUSSELMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-1814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 6:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on (571)272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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